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Annual Report of Town Officers
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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

		Term	Exp. Date
Board of Selectmen:	Marjorie L. Robitzer	3 yrs.	2003
	Albert Boutin, Jr.	2 yrs.	2004
	Jeremy Elliott	3 yrs	2005
Moderator:	Shawn Mc Kean	2 yrs.	2004
Town Clerk:	Lyn Bandy	1 yr.	2003
Treasurer:	Richard Dickenson	1 yr.	2003
Auditor:	Robert Steel	1 yr.	2003
Tax Collector:	Sharon Edwards	1 yr.	2003
Supervisors of the Checklist:	Michael Stiebitz	3 yrs.	2003
	Arthur Christopher	3 Yrs.	2004
	Tracy Cimikowski	3 yrs	2005
Surveyors of Wood & Lumber:	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1 yr.	2003
Ballot Clerk:	Steven Saffo	1 yr.	2003
Ballot Inspector:	Maxine Tyler	1 yr.	2003
Trustees of the Trust Funds:	Jeffrey Elliott	3 yrs.	2003
	Jean Sutherland	3 yrs.	2004
	Daniel Elliott	3 yrs.	2005
Planning Board:	Kenneth Kealey	5 yrs.	2003
	Richard Saffo, Sr.	5 yrs.	2004
	Jeffrey Elliott	5 yrs.	2005
	John Richwagen	5 yrs	2006
	Jeremy Elliott -	Ex Officio Member	
Sexton:	William J. Harris	1 Yr.	2003
	Marty Noble - Assistant	1 Yr.	2003
Police Officer:	Stefan Cimikowski - appointed by Selectmen		
Emergency Management	Stefan Cimikowski - appointed by Selectmen		

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON SS MARCH 11, 2003 TOWN OF BENTON

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE BENTON COMMUNITY BUILDING IN SAID BENTON ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF MARCH NEXT, THE 11TH, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING TO VOTE AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ARTICLE 1 TO CHOOSE A TOWN CLERK, A TREASURER, A TAX COLLECTOR, AN AUDITOR, A BALLOT CLERK, A BALLOT INSPECTOR, A SEXTON AND A SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, A SELECTMAN FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS, A SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS, A TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS, A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS AND ANY OTHER AGENTS OR OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

ARTICLE 2 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS AS PRINTED.

ARTICLE 3 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $5,000 TO BE ADDED TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR ROADS.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 4 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $5,000 TO BE USED TO REPLACE THE POSTS AND GUARD RAILS ACROSS DAVIS BROOK ON TUNNEL STREAM ROAD. THIS AMOUNT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY IF WE CAN GET SOME MATERIAL AT NO COST. ANY BALANCE WOULD BE ADDED TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR ROADS.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 5 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $300 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A NEW WATER HEATER FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDING.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 6 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $66,594 FOR 'GENERAL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS. THIS SUM DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL OR INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES ADDRESSED.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

A TRUE COPY - ATTEST, SELECTMEN OF BENTON, N.H.

Marjorie L. Robitzer Albert J. Boutin Jr. _____

MARJORIE L. ROBITZER ALBERT J. BOUTIN, JR. JEREMY A. ELLIOTT

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS PAY THE 12TH HIGHEST COST FOR HEALTH CARE INSURANCE IN THE COUNTRY: AND

WHEREAS, THE COST OF HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR FAMILIES HAS INCREASED BY 45% OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS: AND

WHEREAS, 100,000 NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS HAVE NO HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND 77% OF THEM HAVE A FULL TIME WORKER AT HOME: AND

WHEREAS, AS A RESULT OF THESE RISING COSTS, ALMOST HALF OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S SMALL BUSINESSES CANNOT AFFORD HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT WE, THE CITIZENS OF BENTON, N.H. , CALL ON OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND THOSE SEEKING OFFICE, TO WORK WITH CONSUMERS, BUSINESSES AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO ENSURE THAT:

EVERYONE, INCLUDING THE SELF EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED, UN-INSURED, UNDER INSURED AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS HAS ACCESS TO AN AFFORDABLE BASIC HEALTH CARE PLAN SIMILAR TO WHAT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HAVE.

EVERYONE, INCLUDING EMPLOYERS, CONSUMERS, STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKES A RESPONSIBLE AND FAIR CONTRIBUTION TO FINANCE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

EVERYONE RECEIVES HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE THAT IS COST AND MEDICALLY EFFECTIVE AND THAT THESE EFFORTS HELP CONTROL THE SKYROCKETING COSTS OF HEALTH CARE.

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Estimate of Expenditures

Category	Approp.	Expend	Proposed
Selectmen & Expenses	$1,700	$1,100	$1,700
Elections	1,200	1,166	600
Financial Administration	5,500	5,700	6,500
Legal Expenses	1,000		1,000
Planning & Zoning	200	96	200
Community Building	2,500	1,500	2,500
Cemeteries (Regular)	500	0	500
High Street Cemetery			400
New Cemetery	1,812	52	
Insurance	2,500	1,450	2,000
Regional Associations	875	830	875
Police Protection	3,600	2,100	3,700
Dispatch - Grafton Cty. Sheriff's Dept.	1,260	850	1,000
Ambulance	3,069	3,069	3,069
Fire Protection	2,500	2,500	2,500
Roads	35,000	34,300	35,000
Social Services	2,400	1,200	2,400
Capital Reserve Fund for Roads	5,000	5,000	
Interest	1,000		1,000
Assessing	6,500	6,985	1,000
Wiring in Community Building	2,500		
To Up-date Town Map			650
Copier	1,195	1,195	
Totals	$81,811	$69,093	$66,594
Additions to the Budget			
Warrant Article 3			----------
Warrant Article 4			----------
Warrant Article 5			----------
Total to be Raised for 2003			$----------

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS
Estimate of Revenue

Sources of Revenue	Est. 2002	Rec. 2002	Est. 2003
Yield Taxes	$9,200	$3,013	$3,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	3,000	2,058	3,000
Motor Vehicle Registrations	30,000	37,316	35,000
Building & Other Permits	220	641	300
White Mountain Nat'l Forest	20,000	24,893	22,000
State of New Hampshire			
Shared Revenue	1,605	1,596	1,600
Rooms & Meals Tax	8,000	8,779	8,500
Highway Block Grant	10,658	10,658	11,179
Income From Trust Funds	500	500	500
Dog Licenses & Fines	500	485	485
Interest on Deposits	1,500	1,074	1,200
Totals	$85,183	$91,013	$86,764

Audit Report To Selectmen of Benton, N.H.

I have completed my audit of Town's books for the year 2002. They are found to be in GOOD ORDER.

Minor problems arose but only in method, NOT ACCURACY. As we are not professional accountants, I felt that understanding a method was made easier by asking questions. All of my questions have been answered in a timely, cheerful manner. I wish to thank each of you for your support.

Robert D. Steel, Auditor

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

	Approp.	Expended	Unexpended	Overdraft
Selectmen & Expenses	$1,700	$1,100	$600	
Elections	1,200	1,166	34	
Financial Administration	5,500	5,700		200
Legal Expenses	1,000		1,000	
Planning & Zoning Boards	200	96	104	
Community Building	2,500	1,500	1,000	
Cemeteries	500		500	
New Cemetery Work	1,812	52	1,760	
Insurance	2,500	1,450	1,050	
Regional Organizations	875	830	45	
Police Protection	3,600	2,100	1,500	
Dispatch, Grafton Co. Sheriff's Dept.	1,260	850	410	
Ambulance Service	3,069	3,069		
Fire Protection	2,500	2,500		
Roads	35,000	34,300	700	
Social Services	2,400	1,200	1,200	
Interest	1,000		1,000	
Assessing	6,500	6,985		485
Dept of Revenue (S.S. & Med)	0	860		860
Copier	1,195	1,195		
Totals	$74,311	$64,953	$10,903	$1,545
Unexpended Funds Less Overdraft			$9,358	

Treasurer's Report

Received from Tax Collector:		
Property taxes	1999	$2,128.26
Interest and costs		766.17
		$2,894.43
Property taxes	2000	$4,531.85
Interest and costs		128.87
		$4,660.72
Property taxes	2001	$43,071.51
Interest and costs		1,162.36
		$44,233.87
Property taxes	2002	$153,871.68
Interest		0.18
		$153,871.86
Prepayments for Year 2003		$892.39
Yield Tax Collections		$2,233.18
Total from Tax Collector		$208,786.45
Received from the Town Clerk:		
Motor Vehicle Permits		$37,116.00
Motor Vehicle Transfers		200.00
Vital Statistics - St. of New Hampshire		32.00
Dog Licenses issued		413.50
Dog License Fines & Penalties		71.00
Marriage Licenses		38.00
Total from Town Clerk		$37,870.50

Treasurer's Report (cont'd)

Received from the Selectmen:	
Pistol Permits	$100.00
Building Permits	195.00
Planning Board	5.00
C. U. Filing Fee	16.00
Hall Rental	25.00
Trustees of the Trust Fund	262.34
Total from Selectmen	$603.34
Received from State & Federal Sources	
St. of N. H. - Revenue Sharing	$1,595.60
St. of N. H. - Hwy. Block Grant	10,657.57
St. of N. H. - Rooms & Meals Tax	8,779.18
U.S. Dept. of Ag., Forest Service	24,893.00
F.E.M.A.	181.25
Total	$46,106.60
Transfer from Yield Account	$779.69
Total receipts for 2002	$294,146.58
Cash on hand as of 1/1/01	205,713.60
Bank interest	1,073.97
	$500,934.15
Less Selectmen's orders for 2001	$295,164.56
Total	$205,769.59
Less Ins. Fund Checks	-48.00
Year-end Total Cash	$205,721.59

Treasurer's Report (cont'd)

Acct. 30502 - Yield Account:

Cash on hand - 1/1/02	$3,072.96
Interest	30.77
	$3,103.73
Withdrawal	779.69
Year-end Balance	$2,324.04

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Dickenson, Treasurer

TOWN OF BENTON

POLICE PROTECTION

Vehicle Expense	**$1,800.00**
($900 on o6/01/03 & $900 on 12/01/03)	
Salary	**50.00**
Supplies	**200.00**
Equipment	**800.00**
Training	**200.00**
Association Dues	**100.00**
Radio Maintenance - Reinstall	**550.00**
Total	**$3,700.00**

Detailed Statement of Payments
By The Selectmen

Selectmen:		
Salaries:	Jeremy Elliott	$400.00
	Marjorie L. Robitzer	600.00
Expenses:	Notices	81.50
		$1,081.50
Elections and Registrations:		
Notices (4)		$189.00
	Arthur Christopher	154.50
	Tracy Cimikowski	120.00
	Michael Stiebitz	114.00
	Shawn McKean	120.00
	Lyn Bandy	120.00
	Maxine Tyler	108.00
	Jeremy Elliott	60.00
	Albert Boutin, Jr.	60.00
	Marjorie Robitzer	120.00
		$1,165.50
Financial Administration:		
Salaries:	Richard Dickenson, Auditor	$100.00
	Joseph Boutin, Jr. - Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	200.00
	Lyn Bandy, Town Clerk	408.00
	Sharon Edwards, Tax Coll.	400.00
Town Report: (Tuck Press)		440.00
Town Clerk Fees:		183.36
Smith & Cataldo, Dog Officers (incurred during 2001)		502.19
Dr. Blaisdell, Dog Boarding & Euthanasia		184.00
General Office Expenses:		3277.23
		$5,694.78
Property Re-evaluation and Updates		$6,985.00

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont'd)

Cemeteries	$51.74
Community Building:	
Telephone Service:	$363.26
Electric Service:	598.31
Fuel Oil - Pre-pay:	400.00
Oil Burner Cleaning & Checked	47.00
	$1,408.57
Insurance and Bonds:	$1,447.43
Regional Associations:	
N.H. Assoc. Of Assessing Officials:	$20.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc.	500.00
North Country Council	268.18
N.H. Assoc. Of Tax Collectors	20.00
N.H. Town Clerks Assoc.	20.00
	$828.18
Police Account	
Equipment - Code 3	$118.99
N.H. Chiefs of Police Assoc.	100.00
Vehicle Costs	1800.00
State of N.H. Radar Check	20.00
Salary	50.00
	$2,088.99
Ambulance	$3,068.60
Fire Protection	
Twin Mountain Mutual Aid	$1,000.00
Haverhill Corner Fire Co.	750.00
North Haverhill Fire Co.	750.00
	$2,500.00

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont'd)

Dispatch Service:	
Grafton Cty Sheriff's Dept.(Annual $1121):	$840.75
Roads:	
Regular Summer & Winter Maintenance	$30,812.50
Materials and Supplies (Salt, Sand, Poly, Etc.)	3,459.10
	$34,271.60
Social Services:	
North Country Home Health	300.00
Tri-County Community Action	300.00
Grafton County Sr. Citizens Council	300.00
White Mountain Mental Health	300.00
	$1,200.00
Taxes Bought By The Town:	$14,041.11
Abatements and Refunds:	$1,842.16
Deposited to Capital Reserve Fund For Roads:	$5,000.00
State of New Hampshire:	
Vital Records	$70.00
Animal Population Control	180.00
	$250.00
Trustees of the Trust Funds:	$400.00
Planning Board:	$96.00
County Tax:	$26,459.00
Schools:	$183,784.00
Transfer of Trust Funds Monies:	$108.12

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont'd)

Paid to Internal Revenue Service	
Soc. Security & Medicare - 2 years	$858.85
Total Checks Written	$295,471.88
Soc. Sec. & Medicare	($307.22)
Total	$295,164.66
Funds Reserved for Special Purposes	
Town Hall Wiring	$2,500.00
Cemetery Funds Remaining	$1,700.00

Selectmen of Benton

Jeremy Elliott

Albert Boutin Jr

Albert Boutin, Jr.

Marjorie L. Robitzer

Marjorie L. Robitzer

TOWN OF BENTON
Tax Collector's Report - 2002

2002

	Cr.	Dr.
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes		$187,146.19
Taxes Prepaid for year 2003		333.13
Interest - Late Tax		0.18
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	$154,430.93	
Taxes Prepaid for year 2003	333.13	
Interest - Late Tax	0.18	
Property Tax Abatements Made	10.00	
SubTotal	$154,774.24	
Taxes Uncollected at Year-end	$32,705.26	
Totals	$187,479.50	$187,479.50

2001

	Cr	Dr
Taxes Uncollected at Beginning of Year		$43,057.92
Yield Taxes		2,233.19
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Costs		1,162.36
Costs & Interest Incurred in Liens		1,623.97
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	$29,016.81	
Interest & Costs	2,786.33	
Yield Taxes	2,233.19	
Conversion to lien	14,041.11	
Totals	$48,077.44	$48,077.44

TOWN OF BENTON

Tax Collector's Report - 2002 (Cont'd)

	Cr.	Dr.
2001		
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		$14,041.11
Remitted to Treasurer		
Redemptions	$13.59	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at End of Year	14,027.52	
Totals	$14,041.11	$14,041.11
2000		
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of Year		$11,450.34
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution		128.87
Remitted to Treasurer		
Redemptions	$4,531.85	
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	128.87	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at End of Year	6,918.49	
Totals	$11,579.21	$11,579.21
1999		
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of Year		$2,128.26
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution		766.17
Remitted to Treasurer		
Redemptions	$2,128.26	
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	766.17	
Totals	$2,894.43	$2,894.43

TOWN OF BENTON
Report of the Town Clerk - 2002

Motor Vehicle Permits issued: (387)		$37,874.00
Dog Licenses Issued & Fines Collected:		514.00
Marriage licenses issued		45.00
Record Searches		48.00
	Total	$38,481.00
Submitted to the Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicles		$37,329.00
Dog Licenses and Fines		484.00
Marriage Licenses issued		38.00
Record Searches		32.00
	Total	$37,883.00
Retained by the Town Clerk:		
Motor Vehicles		$545.00
Dog Licenses		30.00
Marriage Licenses issued		7.00
Record Searches		16.00
	Total	$598.00

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Notes From the Town Clerk's Office

DOG REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 1ST!

It is very expensive to pay late fees for dog registrations. Make it easy on everyone and do a timely registration. We also have a leash law in Benton, which was passed at a previous town meeting. Loose dogs will be picked up and the owners fined.

We have a new photo copier, which makes excellent copies and has a very good warranty. I and all town officials appreciate the voter's approval of this purchase.

I have really enjoyed the role of town clerk, but it is time to step down and take it easy for a while. The job takes almost as much knowledge as a clerk in a N.H. city. The regulations are the same, state wide and the chores are too. So, stop in, find out what it involves and then you will be able to make an informed decision on whether you want to run for the office.

As always, thank you for your courtesy and support this past year. I have also enjoyed getting to know everyone!

Lyn Bandy

Cemetery Committee Report for 2002

1. The fencing was set up to separate the parking area from the cemetery.

2. The lower section of the new cemetery was raked, seeded and covered with hay.

3. Dowels were placed in the corners of most purchased family plots in anticipation of permanent markers placed by the families themselves.

Yet to do:

Raking the area again, reseeding, planting shrubs and flowers along the bank dividing the old and the new sections and building and setting a bench or two in a nice area. We apologize for our slow progress and anticipate that it will be a finished project by summer's end. Thank you!

Dan Elliott
Ken Kealy
Marty Noble
Lyn Bandy

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds
for the year ending December 31, 2002

Funds donated to the Town of Benton are in the custody of the Trustees. Donations are distributed as specified by the donors. Funds received during the year are deposited in a savings account until they can be transferred to a Certificate of Deposit. Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank in Woodsville, N.H. holds all funds.

Year 2002 Donations

Cimikowski	$560.00
D & L Elliott	220.00
J & P Boutin	100.00
Sutherland	100.00
R & N Dickenson	100.00
Bragdon	60.00
Richardson	160.00
Richwagon	130.00
Woolley	130.00
Goodwin	30.00
R & V Saffo	200.00

Status of the Funds is as follows:

Principal Amt. of Reg. Trust Fund, CD #708716	$9,974.54
Savings Acct. #617453	$5,674.20
(designated for Hwy. Fund - $5,000.)	
Capital Reserve Fund - Highways (int. incl)	$24,693.41
Capital Reserve Fund - Fires (int. incl)	$4,300.83
Capital Reserve Fund - School	$57,455.22

Distributions at the end of 2002:

For cemetery use	$170.71
For the schools	$45.23
For the highway account	$40.79
Total	$256.73

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Elliott
Jeffrey Elliott
Jean Sutherland

Schedule of Non-Taxable Property

Town of Benton:

Crowther Lot	Map 2, Lot 52	0.3 acres	$5,500
Parker Field	Map 1, Lot 114	1.3 acres	10,200
Mountain View Cemetery	Map 1, Lot 113	0.9 acres	10,200
High Street Cemetery	Map 6, Lot 4	0.6 acres	500
East Cemetery	Map 1, Lot 29	0.3 acres	300
Old Town Hall Lot	Map 1, Lot 126	0.05 acres	5,200
Benton Town Hall, Land & Building	Map 1, Lot 18	0.2 acres	$71,900
Benton Bible Chapel, Parsonage	Map 1, Lot 58	1.7 acres	$94,300
Benton Bible Chapel	Map 1, Lot 49	1.4 acres	$211,300
No. Benton Union Soc.	Map 1, Lot 32	0.7 acres	$8,500

State of New Hampshire:

LaBounty Home	Map 6, Lot 3	0.45 acres	$44,300
Glencliff Home	Map 6, Lot 7	107.0 acres	8,093,700
State Forest Division	Map 6, Lot 7	401.0 acres	179,000

United States Dept. of Agriculture:

U.S. Forest Service	W.M.N.F.	23,658.8 acres	$10,646,500
Totals		24,174.7 acres	$19,381,400

TOWN OF BENTON
Summary of Inventory Valuation

Land, Improved and Unimproved:	
Under "Current Use" - 2,123.7 acres	$273,449
Conservation Restriction - 371.2 acres	46,400
Residential Land - 4,703.8 acres	5,782,600
Commercial Land - 1.1 acres	20,100
Total	$6,122,549
Tax Exempt Land - 24,174.7 acres	$11,032,300
Tax Exempt Buildings	$8,339,700
Housing:	
Residential and Allied Buildings	$7,761,800
Manufactured Housing	604,700
Commercial Buildings	21,200
Total	$8,387,700
Public Utilities	$1,226,391
Total Assessments:	$15,715,440
Less Elderly Exemptions (5)	45,000
Total	$15,670,440
Plus Inventory Penalties	$270
Less Veteran's Exemptions	$800
Total	$15,669,910
State Education Tax @ $4.90	
Local Education Tax Rate @ $5.38	
County Tax @ $1.67	
Town Tax @ $.40	
Total Tax Commitment	$186,782

TOWN MEETING
BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 12, 2002

Motion to recess to school meeting. Reconvened at 7:18 P.M.

Article 1

To choose a Town Clerk, a Treasurer, a Tax Collector, an Auditor, a Ballot Clerk, a Ballot Inspector, a Sexton and a Surveyor of Wood and Lumber for the term of one year, two Selectmen, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, two Supervisors of the Checklist, and two Trustees of the Trust Funds, one for a term of two years and one for three years in both categories, a member of the Planning Board for a term of four years, and any other agents or officers necessary for the ensuing year.

The following town officers were elected (by the clerk or moderator casting one ballot after a voice vote.)

Board of Selectmen:	
2 year term	Albert Boutin, Jr.
3 year term	Jeremy Elliott
Town Clerk:	Lyn Bandy
Treasurer:	Richard Dickenson
Tax Collector:	Sharon Edwards
Auditor:	Robert Steel
Ballot Clerk:	Steven Saffo
Ballot Inspector:	Maxine Tyler
Sexton:	William Harris
Sexton Assistant:	Marty Noble
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:	Joe Boutin, Jr.
Supervisor of the Checklist:	
1 year term	Mike Stiebitz
3 year term	Tracy Cimikowski
2 Trustees of the Trust Funds:	
3 year term	Dan Elliott
2 year term	Jean Sutherland
Planning Board: (4 yr. term)	John Richwagen

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed.

A motion was made to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed. An amendment was then made to change the name of the Capital Reserve Fund-School (int. incl.) to the Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund. A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 2 as amended and passed by voice vote.

Article 3

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for roads.

(The Selectmen recommended this article)

The article was moved, seconded and accepted by voice vote.

Article 4

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,812 to finish the pre-opening work on the extension to the Mountain View Cemetery; to be drawn from the surplus from the General Fund. This account to be non-lapsing.

(The Selectmen recommended this article)

Article 4 was moved, seconded and accepted by voice vote.

Article 5

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500 to update the electrical wiring in the Community Building. This is to be a special", non-lapsing fund in the event that this project does not get finished in the year 2002.

(The Selectmen recommended this article)

Article 5 was moved and seconded and accepted by voice vote.

Article 6

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,195 for the purchase of a new copier.

(The Selectmen recommended this article)

Article 6 was moved and seconded and accepted by voice vote.

Article 7

To open a discussion and update the By-Laws passed, adopted and approved at Town Meeting, March 10, 1998 On the question of sales of lots in Mountain View Cemetery. Shall we adopt a policy of restricting sales of burial lots to residents and their families?

A motion was made and seconded and the town voted to adopt a policy of restricting sales of burial lots to residents and their families.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $71,304 for general municipal operations. The sum does not include any special or individual articles addressed.

(The Selectmen recommended this article)

Article 8 was moved and seconded and accepted by voice vote. The total budget, including Article 3, Article 4, and Article 6 for the year is now $81,811.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M. All officers were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy - Attest

Lyn Bandy, Town Clerk
Benton New Hampshire

Deaths:

1/10/02	Oscar Welch, son of Frank and Mary Boutin Welch.
1/13/02	Barbara Littlehale, daughter of Clarence and Bertha A. Geary Benner.
3/3/02	Suzanne Mary Ingerson, daughter of Harold and Deliah Rich Gravelin, Sr.
5/15/02	Grace Hunnewell
8/2/02	William J. Gill.
9/26/02	Corrine Smith
12/19/02	Beatrice B. Gagnon, daughter of Dominic and Philomiene Boucher Belliveau.

Marriages:

6/29/02	Michael J. West & Evelyn L Lawrence in Lancaster. N.H.

Births:

5/11/02	Shea Andrew Ingerson, son of Scott & Diane Ingerson, in Woodsville, N.H.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Alexandria Noble, CHAIR	Term Expires 2005
Audrey Elliott	Term Expires 2003
Wayne Chevalier	Term Expires 2004

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Sean McKean ..... Moderator
Maxine Tyler ..... Treasurer
Sharon Edwards ..... Auditor
Lyn Bandy ..... Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Paul C. Moccia
Dr. Howard R. Goodrow, Interim

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 11th day of March 2003, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose a School Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose one School Board Member, for a term of three years expiring in 2006.

ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends $399,893.00)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the school district will vote to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to thirty thousand dollars ($30,000), representing a share of the State of New Hampshire special education cost for the 2003–2004 school year pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the district; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to RSA 186-C: 18. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to twelve thousand ($12,000) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2003. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 10: Whereas NH School Districts face ever tightening budgets; and Whereas NH School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise and appropriate sufficient dollars on the local level to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district budgets;

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the District vigorously oppose any and all unfunded and under-funded federal educational mandates, including but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left Behind Law as well as those mandates historically unfunded within the IDEA/Special Education Laws.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the district will vote in accordance with Chapter 101 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated as amended, to exclude from Social Security and Medicare coverage the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than $1,200 effective the calendar year beginning January 1, 2003.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this ____day _____ 2003

_____
Alexandria Noble, Chairman

_____
Wayne Chevalier

_____
Audrey Elliott

BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 12, 2002

Time: 7:05 p.m.

Article 1: **To choose a Moderator for the coming year.**

Moderator: Sean McKean

Article 2: **To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.**

Clerk: Lyn Bandy

Article 3: **To choose one School Board Member for a term of three year ending in 2005.**

SB Member: Alexandria Noble

Article 4: **To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.**

Treasurer: Maxine Tyler

Article 5: **To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.**

Auditor: Sharon Edwards

Article 6: **To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.**

Article 6 was moved and seconded, and accepted by voice vote.

Article 7: **To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This Article is exclusive of any other Article on the Warrant. (The school board recommends $341,886.00)**

After a discussion, Article 7 was moved and seconded, and accepted by voice vote.

Article 8: **To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to twelve thousand ($12,000) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund and to designate the school board as agents to expend said fund. (The school board recommends this article.)**

After a discussion, Article 8, with an appropriation of $12,000 was moved and seconded and accepted by voice vote.

Article 9: **To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

Marjorie Robitzer moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded and passed by a voice vote at 7:18 p.m.

Lyn Bandy
Benton School District Clerk

Adjourned to town meeting at 7:18 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Another year has come and gone and another superintendent has left. The SAU Board has selected Mr. Bruce Labs, the current Woodsville High School Principal, to take on the leadership role for the SAU as of July 1, 2003. Mr. Labs has been a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal in this district for the past twenty-five years and has done an excellent job. He, his wife and daughters are residents of the district, living in Piermont. We expect great things from him in his new position and know that he will bring stability and a strong work ethic to the job.

The nationwide teacher shortage is affecting this district as well, especially in the critical shortage areas (there are 28) now listed by the NH Department of Education. This situation reminds me of the late 50's and early 60's when the same situation existed. Young people today are graduating from college and finding positions that pay more than teaching with fewer headaches. The same is true about school administrators. As I write this report, this year in New Hampshire alone there are eighteen openings for superintendents.

As we proceed this year we are looking at frozen budgets, many times driven by mandated special education costs that are out of our hands. Contact your legislators for relief from some of these laws and ask them get the Federal Government to follow through on what they promised 20 years ago - to fund 45% of the special education costs mandated instead of the 7% they now fund. Legislators could also help by capping the costs of health insurance for the districts. It has been done in other states, why not here in NH?

Starting later this year, we will be offering two graduate programs for the SAU staff and those of nearby districts, one by Lesley University and the other by Southern NH University. These programs will give the staff the opportunity to obtain advanced degrees without having to travel all over the state to take the courses.

As we spend money on special needs students' we sometimes tend to forget those who are gifted. We have started working toward a program that will address the gifted student's needs as cost effectively as possible.

As we look forward to the next school year, the new Superintendent, Mr. Labs, will bring a focus to the district, and as "the engineer" will drive our train forward. We are a school system on the move and your input as parents and members of the community is important - so get on board.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to assist you this year. I wish you all the very best for your students as the district moves forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Howard R. Goodrow
Interim Superintendent

School Administrative Unit #23
Report of the Superintendent's and
Business Administrator's Salaries

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23, during the 2002-2003 school year will receive a salary of $52,000. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator at SAU 23 at this time.

The table below shows the pro-ration of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent Salary		
Bath	$5,793	11.14%
Benton	$1,030	1.98%
Haverhill Cooperative	$34,830	66.98%
Piermont	$5,080	9.77%
Warren	$5,267	10.31%
TOTAL	$52,000	

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 BUDGET

PROJECTED REVENUES		2003 - 2004
	LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT	
1336	Tuition - French Pond	$182,825
1337	Tuition -French Pond Summer School	$8,400
1951	Itinerants	$112;771
1510	Interest	$800
1952	Speech/ Language	$107,916
5000	Indirect Costs from SAU IDEA Grant	$3,197
	Use of Fund Balance	$20,000
	Total Other Revenue Fund I	**$435,909**
1111	**DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS**	**$445,877**
	TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 1	**$881,786**
	TOTAL GRANTS FUND 2	192,611
	TOTAL SAU BUDGET INCLUDING GRANTS	**$1,074,397**

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 BUDGET SUMMARY 2003-2004

ACCOUNT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION	2001-2002 ACTUAL EXPENSES	2002-2003 YEAR BUDGET	2003-2004 PROPOSED BUDGET	+/-
1100 ITINERANT TEACHERS	69,925	75,860	94,668	18,808
1230 FRENCH POND PROGRAM	155,356	174,121	171,607	(2,514)
1435 FRENCH POND SUMMER SCHOOL	6,530	6,755	6,884	129
2120 ITINERANT GUIDANCE	17,835	18,740	18,103	(637)
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	77,157	94,432	102,088	7,656
2159 SPEECH SUMMER SCHOOL	2,650	2,992	5,828	2,836
2213 STAFF TRAINING	235	-	-	-
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	1,361	1,485	1,485	-
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	2,311	2,438	2,434	(4)
2317 AUDIT	2,750	2,750	3,045	295
2318 LEGAL COUNSEL	1,548	500	500	-
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	287,521	309,046	320,705	11,659
2330 SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMIN.	104,209	107,169	121,090	13,921
2540 SAU-WIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS	3,005	3,100	2,400	(700)
2620 BUILDING RENT	20,200	20,000	20,000	-
2640 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & INS.	9,975	9,412	8,737	(675)
2820 NETWORK	1,215	1,200	1,212	12
2832 RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING	1,792	500	1,000	500
TOTAL FUND 1 PROPOSED BUDGET	**765,575**	**830,500**	**881,786**	**51,286**
GRANTS - IDEA AND PRESCHOOL	165,637	145,000	192,611	47,611
TOTAL SAU BUDGET	**931,212**	**975,500**	**1,074,397**	**98,897**
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT COSTS	**426,673**	**446,851**	**445,877**	**(974)**

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET

ACCOUNT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION	2001-2002 EXPENSES	2002-2003 BUDGET	2003-2004 PROPOSED BUDGET	+/-
1100 REGULAR EDUCATION				
561 TUITION/IN-STATE LEA	209,660.00	225,163.00	234,792.00	9,629.00
TOTALS- 1100 REGULAR EDUCATION	**209,660.00**	**225,163.00**	**234,792.00**	**9,629.00**
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION				
330 OTHER PROF SERVICES	597.95	-	-	-
561 TUITION/IN-STATE LEA	34,153.45	34,000.00	15,000.00	(19,000.00)
564 TUITION - PRIVATE	17,526.65	26,000.00	92,000.00	66,000.00
569 TUITION - OTHER	2,519.60	-	-	-
610 SUPPLIES	118.00	300.00	100.00	(200.00)
640 BOOKS/PERIODICALS	-	150.00	-	(150.00)
734 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	1,190.00	-	100.00	100.00
TOTALS- 1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION	**56,105.65**	**60,450.00**	**107,200.00**	**46,750.00**
1300 VOCATIONAL				
562 TUITION/OUT-STATE LEA	-	5,500.00	11,000.00	5,500.00
TOTALS- 1300 VOCATIONAL	**-**	**5,500.00**	**11,000.00**	**5,500.00**
1430 SUMMER SCHOOL				
561 TUITION/IN-STATE LEA	-	750.00	2,400.00	1,650.00
TOTALS- 1430 SUMMER SCHOOL	**-**	**750.00**	**2,400.00**	**1,650.00**
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE				
330 OTHER PROF SERVICES	-	3,578.00	-	(3,578.00)
TOTALS- 2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	**-**	**3,578.00**	**-**	**(3,578.00)**
2159 SPEECH SUMMER SCHOOL				
330 OTHER PROF SERVICES	-	90.00	200.00	110.00
TOTALS- 2159 SPEECH SUMMER SCHOOL	**-**	**90.00**	**200.00**	**110.00**
2162 PHYSICAL THERAPY				
330 OTHER PROF SERVICES	4,005.00	5,390.00	1,715.00	(3,675.00)
TOTALS- 2162 PHYSICAL THERAPY	**4,005.00**	**5,390.00**	**1,715.00**	**(3,675.00)**
2163 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY				
330 OTHER PROF SERVICES	6,710.00	5,550.00	2,460.00	(3,090.00)
610 SUPPLIES	98.45	-	-	-
TOTALS- 2163 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	**6,808.45**	**5,550.00**	**2,460.00**	**(3,090.00)**
2311 SCHOOL BOARD				
111 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	600.00	600.00	600.00	-
220 FICA	45.90	47.00	47.00	-
260 WORKERS' COMP	169.00	250.00	250.00	-
520 PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS	2,462.00	2,200.00	2,250.00	50.00
540 ADVERTISING	108.00	80.00	80.00	-
640 BOOKS/PERIODICALS	227.00	170.00	170.00	-
810 DUES/FEES	628.62	693.00	735.00	42.00
TOTALS- 2311 SCHOOL BOARD	**4,240.52**	**4,040.00**	**4,132.00**	**92.00**
2313 TREASURER				
111 SALARIES	200.00	200.00	200.00	-

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET

ACCOUNT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION	2001-2002 EXPENSES	2002-2003 BUDGET	2003-2004 PROPOSED BUDGET	+/-
220 FICA	15.30	16.00	16.00	-
260 WORKERS' COMP	56.00	70.00	70.00	-
520 PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS	127.00	250.00	240.00	(10.00)
534 POSTAGE	14.96	20.00	20.00	-
610 SUPPLIES	3.75	45.00	45.00	-
TOTALS- 2313 TREASURER	**417.01**	**601.00**	**591.00**	**(10.00)**
2314 DISTRICT MEETING				
111 SALARIES	62.00	66.00	64.00	(2.00)
220 FICA	4.74	-	-	-
260 WORKERS' COMP	-	-	-	-
TOTALS- 2314 DISTRICT MEETING	**66.74**	**66.00**	**64.00**	**(2.00)**
2317 AUDIT				
330 OTHER PROF SERVICES	50.00	50.00	50.00	-
TOTALS- 2317 AUDIT	**50.00**	**50.00**	**50.00**	**-**
2318 LEGAL SERVICES				
330 OTHER PROF SERVICES	29.00	100.00	2,600.00	2,500.00
TOTALS- 2318 LEGAL SERVICES	**29.00**	**100.00**	**2,600.00**	**2,500.00**
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT				
310 SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	10,155.00	8,847.00	11,013.00	2,166.00
TOTALS- 2321 OFFICE OF SUPT	**10,155.00**	**8,847.00**	**11,013.00**	**2,166.00**
2721 REGULAR TRANSPORTATION				
510 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	18,155.00	18,236.00	16,606.00	(1,630.00)
TOTALS- 2721 REGULAR TRANS.	**18,155.00**	**18,236.00**	**16,606.00**	**(1,630.00)**
2722 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION				
510 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	1,923.93	2,815.00	4,370.00	1,555.00
TOTALS- 2722 SPECIAL TRANS.	**1,923.93**	**2,815.00**	**4,370.00**	**1,555.00**
2723 VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION				
510 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	-	660.00	700.00	40.00
TOTALS- 2723 VOCATIONAL TRANS.	**-**	**660.00**	**700.00**	**40.00**
5252 EXP TRUST				
930 TRANSFER TO EXPEND TRUST FUND	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	(12,000.00)
TOTALS- 5252 EXP TRUST	**12,000.00**	**12,000.00**	**-**	**(12,000.00)**
GRAND TOTALS	**323,616.30**	**353,886.00**	**399,893.00**	**46,007.00**

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROJECTED REVENUES 2003-2004

		2001-2002 ACTUAL	2002-2003 MS24 REVISED	2003-2004 BUDGET *	+/-	Tax Impact per $1,000
Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes		**63,771**	**29,430**	**-**	**(29,430)**	**$1.88**
Local						
1111	District Appropriation	98,048	84,382	128,211	43,829	
1510	Interest	734	700	500	(200)	
5140	RAN (amount that can be borrowed against 04-05 CAT AID)			30,000	30,000	($1.91)
1980	Refund from Prior Year	85	-	-	-	
State						
3111	State Adequacy Grant	74,829	146,106	99,827	(46,279)	$2.95
3112	State Adequacy Tax	88,470	70,815	91,260	20,445	$0.11
	SUBTOTAL ADEQUACY FUNDING DECREASE				(25,834)	
3241	Vocational Education Tuition	-	-	6,835	6,835	($0.44)
3242	Vocational Transportation	-	-	132	132	
3230	Catastrophic Aid Reimbursement for 02-03 expenses	-	-	10,000	10,000	($0.64)
Federal						
4580	Medicaid Reimbursement	12,657	8,000	3,000	(5,000)	$0.32
4810	National Forest Reserve	14,453	14,453	14,453	-	
	Transfer from Expendable Trust			15,675	15,675	($1.00)
TOTAL BUDGET AND ARTICLES		**353,047**	**353,886**	**399,893**	**46,007**	$2.94
						4.21

SCHOOL TAX RATE

	ACTUAL 2001	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004		
local property Tax Rate	$6.32	$5.38	$8.18	$15,675	= $1 per $1,000
State property Tax Rate	$6.27	$4.90	$6.32	$14,449	= $1 per $1,000
	$12.59	**$10.28**	**$14.50**		
Difference over prior year	($4.72)	($0.99)	$4.22	($1.49)	net decrease over 3 years

*Warrant Article 8 for $12,000 will not increase taxes, funds will only be transferred if there is a fund balance 6/30/03.

The adequacy tax increases the State Tax $1.41, decreases local tax $1.30; net increase $.11

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a

		2000-2001	2001-2002
Special Education Expenses			
1200	Special Programs	41,113.70	56,105.65
1430	Summer School	-	-
2150	Speech and Audiology	300.00	-
2159	Speech - Summer School	0.00	-
2162	Physical Therapy	3,270.00	4,005.00
2163	Occupational Therapy	1,995.00	6,808.45
2722	Special Transportation	1,997.35	1,923.93
Total Expenses		**48,676.05**	**68,843.03**
Special Education Revenue			
3110	SPED portion of State Adequacy	16,005.00	16,520.00
3230	Catastrophic Aid	16,478.00	-
4580	Medicaid	16,846.00	12,657.00
Total Revenues		**49,329.00**	**29,177.00**
District Cost for Special Education		**(652.95)**	**39,666.03**
IDEA Entitlement Funds			
	Part A - Preschool	486.00	485.55
	(Combined to fund SAU preschool)		
	Part B - Special Education	3,115.00	2,605.00
	(Combined to provide SAU-wide psychological services paid for through SAU 23)		

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON

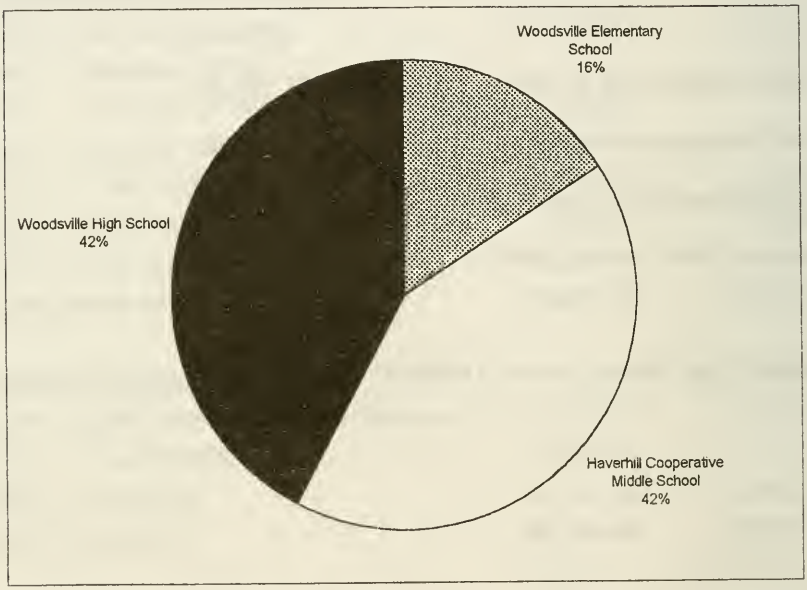
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2001 TO JUNE 30, 2002

Cash on Hand, July 1, 2001	$ 77,186.06
Total Revenues Received	282,729.58
Total School Board Orders Paid	(297,532.49)
Cash on Hand June 30, 2002	62,383.15

Maxine Tyler, School District Treasurer

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AS OF DECEMBER 2002

	TOTAL
Woodsville Elementary School	6
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	16
Woodsville High School	16
TOTAL	38

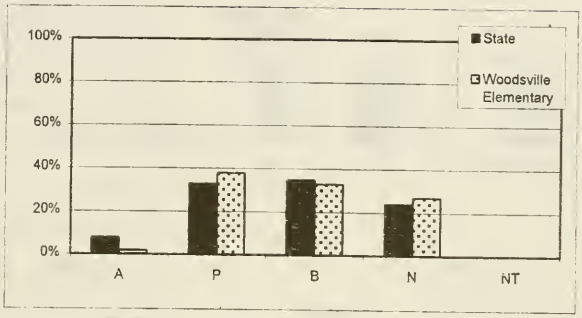


HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
THIRD GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES

Language Arts

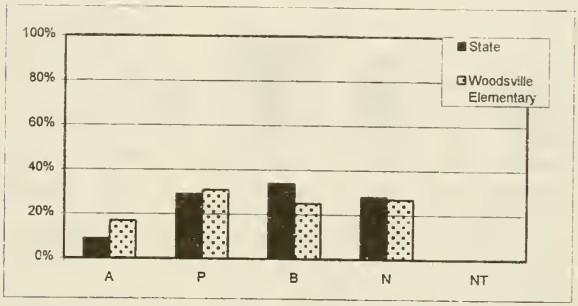
May-02

		State	Woodsville Elementary
vanced	A	8%	2%
oficient	P	33%	38%
sic	B	35%	33%
vice	N	24%	27%
t Tested	NT	0%	0%



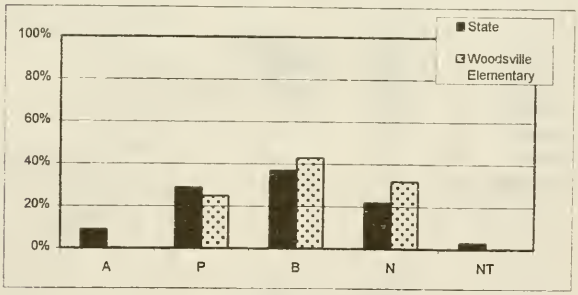
May-01

		State	Woodsville Elementary
vanced	A	9%	17%
oficient	P	29%	31%
sic	B	34%	25%
vice	N	28%	27%
Tested	NT	0%	0%



May-00

		State	Woodsville Elementary
anced	A	9%	0%
ficient	P	29%	25%
ic	B	37%	43%
ice	N	22%	32%
Tested	NT	3%	0%

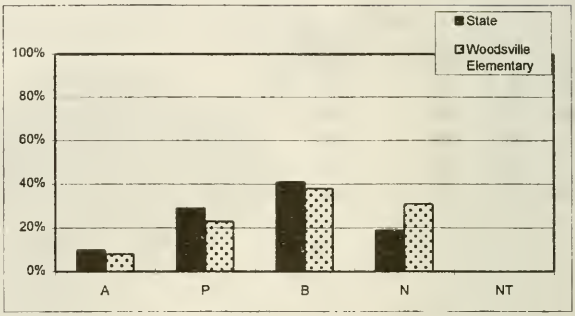


HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
THIRD GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES

Mathematics

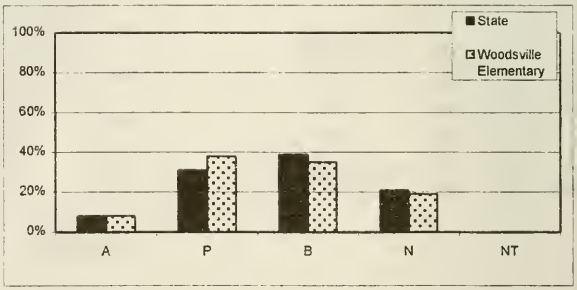
May-02

		State	Woodsville Elementary
Advanced	A	10%	8%
Proficient	P	29%	23%
Basic	B	41%	38%
Novice	N	19%	31%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



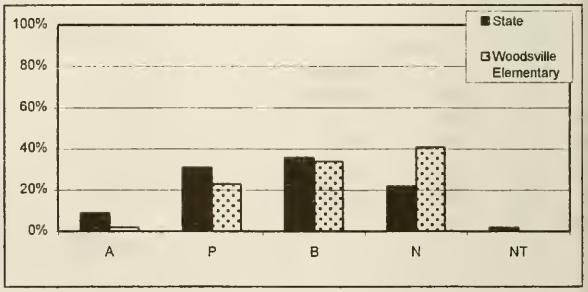
May-01

		State	Woodsville Elementary
Advanced	A	8%	8%
Proficient	P	31%	38%
Basic	B	39%	35%
Novice	N	21%	19%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



May-00

		State	Woodsville Elementary
Advanced	A	9%	2%
Proficient	P	31%	23%
Basic	B	36%	34%
Novice	N	22%	41%
Not Tested	NT	2%	0%



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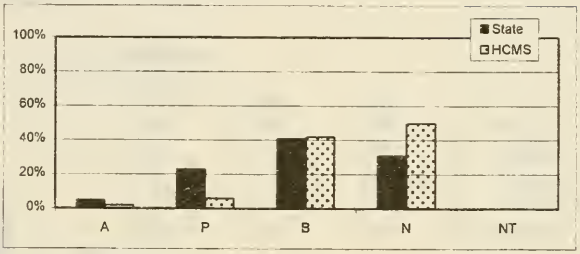
SIXTH GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES
May-02

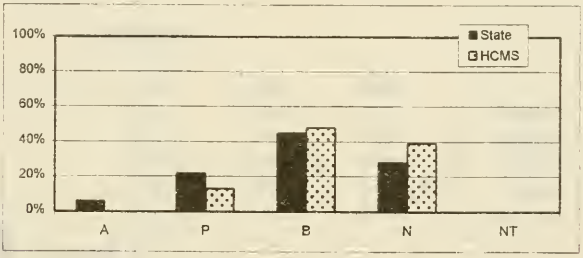
Language Arts

		State	HCMS
Advanced	A	5%	2%
Proficient	P	23%	6%
Basic	B	41%	42%
Novice	N	31%	50%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



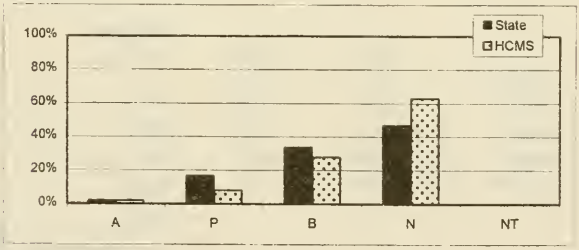
Mathematics

		State	HCMS
Advanced	A	6%	0%
Proficient	P	22%	13%
Basic	B	45%	48%
Novice	N	28%	39%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



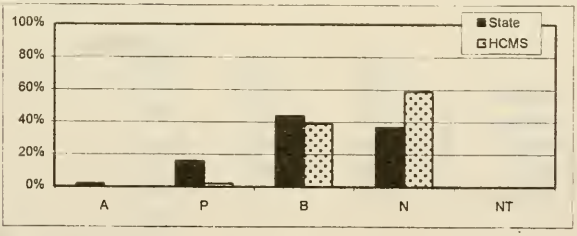
Science

		State	HCMS
Advanced	A	2%	2%
Proficient	P	17%	8%
Basic	B	34%	28%
Novice	N	47%	63%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



Social Studies

		State	HCMS
Advanced	A	2%	0%
Proficient	P	16%	2%
Basic	B	44%	39%
Novice	N	37%	59%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



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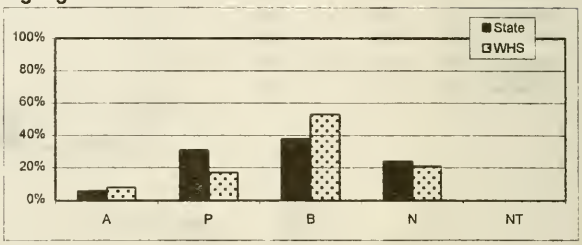
TENTH GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES
May-02

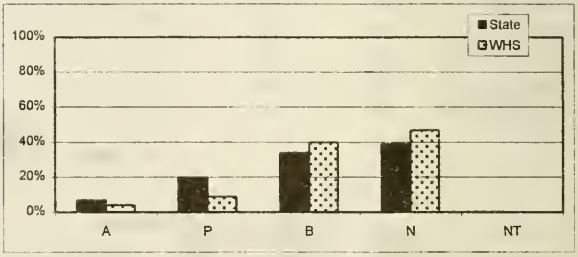
Language Arts

		State	WHS
Advanced	A	6%	8%
Proficient	P	31%	17%
Basic	B	38%	53%
Novice	N	24%	21%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



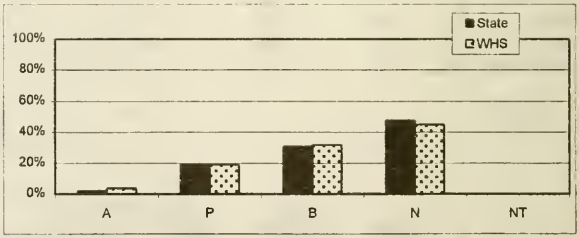
Mathematics

		State	WHS
Advanced	A	7%	4%
Proficient	P	20%	9%
Basic	B	34%	40%
Novice	N	39%	47%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



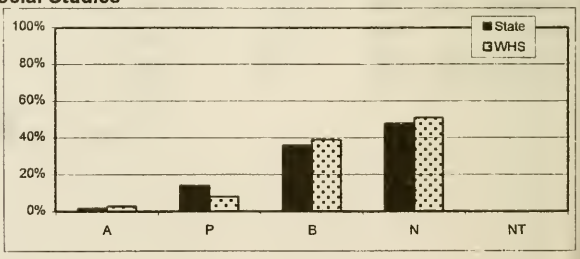
Science

		State	WHS
Advanced	A	2%	4%
Proficient	P	19%	19%
Basic	B	31%	32%
Novice	N	48%	45%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



Social Studies

		State	WHS
Advanced	A	2%	3%
Proficient	P	14%	8%
Basic	B	36%	39%
Novice	N	48%	51%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



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